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SUBJECT: REPRESENTATION OF THE WESTERN BORDERS OF POLAND ON  
US OFFICIAL MAPS

REF: ARMITAGE/RUSSELL-HODGSON MEMORANDUM OF NOVEMBER 21,  
1974

1. WITH ONE IMPORTANT EXCEPTION, THE CHANGES PROPOSED BY THE REFERENCED MEMORANDUM SHOULD SATISFY POLISH OFFICIAL OBJECTIONS TO THE MAP OF POLAND CONTAINED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S "BACKGROUND NOTES." THE NOTATION THAT "THE FINAL BOUNDRIES OF GERMANY HAVE NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED" IS UNLIKELY TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE POLES TO BE A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT OVER THE PRESENT NOTATIONM

2. I DO NOT SEE HOW WE CONTRIBUTE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF OUR FOUR-POWER FRIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN BERLIN AND GERMANY BY SUCH A GRATUITOUS NOTATION, WHICH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ITSELF NO LONGER FEELS COMPELLED TO MAKE. NOR CAN I UNDERSTAND WHY WE MUST INSIST ON SUCH DISCLAIMERS ON OUR OFFICIAL MAPS WHEN BY OTHER OFFICIAL ACTIONS WE HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THE POLISH WESTERN BORDER.

3. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE SIGNED AT WARSAW ON JUNE1, 1972 BY PRESIDENT NIXON AND FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK CONTAINS THE PARAGRAPH (II, #3): "BOTH SIDES WELCOMED THE TREATY BETWEEN POLAND AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY SIGNED ON DECEMBER 7, 1970,  
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INCLUDING ITS BORDER PROVISIONS."

4. THE BORDER PROVISIONS OF THE BONN-WARSAW TREATY ARE EXPLICIT. IN ARTICLE 1, #1, THE POLISH AND FRG GOVERNMENTS " CONCUR IN STATING THAT THE EXISTING BORDER-LINE (I.E., THE ODER-NEISSE LINE)...IS THE WESTERN STATE BORDER OF POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC." IN #2 OF THAT ARTICLE, "THEY CONFIRM THE INVIOABILITY OF THEIR EXISTING BORDERS NOW AND IN THE FUTURE, AND OBLIGATE THEMSELVES TO RESPECT ABSOLUTELY THEIR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY." IN #5, "THEY DECLARE THAT THEY HAVE NO TERRITORIAL CLAIMS ON EACH OTHER, AND WILL NOT LAY SUCH CLAIMS IN THE FUTURE."

5. OUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE FOUR-POWER AGREEMENT WILL NOT BE ENHANCED BY RESTRICTIVE NOTATIONS PLACED ON USG MAPS OF POLAND. NEITHER WILL THEY BE UNDERMINED BY THE ABSENCE OF SUCH NOTATIONS. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT WE STOP PRINTING ANY SUCH DISCLAIMERS OR RESTRICTIVE NOTATIONS OF OFFICIAL USG MAPS OF POLAND.

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